SI. No	Name of State/UT	Status
24.	Assam	VAT yet to be implemented
25.	Meghalaya	
26.	Chandigarh	
27.	Pondicherry	
28.	Uttar Pradesh	
29.	Tamil Nadu	
30.	Uttaranchal	
31.	Rajasthan	
32.	Gujarat	
33.	Madhya Pradesh	
34.	Chhattisgarh	
35.	Jharkhand	

Measures to lessen loan burden of Government of Maharashtra

2822. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has borrowed loan of around one lakh ten thousand crore rupees from various segments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of corrective steps suggested or proposed so far to the State Government of Maharashtra for lessening the loan amount in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Maharashtra's outstanding liabilities for the year 2004-05 (BE) were Rs. 84114 crore (RBI). The details are enclosed in the Statement. *(See* below)

(c) Government of India swapped outstanding high cost (13% and above) Central debt of Rs. 15434.04 crore during 2002—05. Government of India has further accepted the recommendation of Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC) for debt consolidation and waiver of outstanding Got debts. This Scheme, would benefit the Government of Maharashtra with lower interest of Rs. 1217.39 crore, lower repayment of Rs. 1133.12 crore and debt waiver of Rs. 1953.22 crore over the next five years *i.e.* 2005—10, if the State meets necessary conditions.

Statement

Outstanding liabilities of Government of Maharashtra for the year 2004-05 (BE)

(Rs. in crore)

SI.No.	items	Amount
1.	Internal Debt	55312
	(of which Special Securities issued to NSSF)	(32230)
2.	Loans and Advances from Central Government	19002
3.	Provident Funds etc.	9800
	TOTAL DEBT:	84114

Restriction on import of scrap iron

2823. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to restrict the import of scarp iron because of security concern; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to notify it immediately to save human life?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM) : (a) The Government have issued instructions to streamline the import of metallic waste and scrap taking into consideration the national security.

(b) The import of metallic waste and scrap in unshredded, compressed and loose form permitted through specific ports, is notified in para 2.32 of the provisions of Handbook of Procedures, Volume 1,2004—09 as amended. The procedure for clearance of such metallic waste and scrap has also been issued by Central Board of Excise and Customs *vide* circular No. 56/2004-Cus, dated 18.10.2004, as amended.